



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 9, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Bonner County Administration Building

1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting with Commissioners Omodt, Bradshaw, and Williams present. Commissioner Omodt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Dan York and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes for January 2, 2024
- 2) Plats for Approval: MLD0015-22, Wyatt's Wish Blanchard Addition
- 3) Catering Permits: The Falls Inn, Priest River (3)
- 4) Invoice Over 5K: Sheriff (3, 2 Confidential); Technology (Confidential)

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Abstain for the reason stated, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale *presented by Jessica Stephany*

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 Claims Batch #7 \$1,621,946.90 & Demands in Batch #7 \$508,782.91, **Totaling \$2,130,729.81**

Claims Batch #7	
General Fund	\$ 674,485.51
Road & Bridge	\$ 116,128.18
Airport	\$ 8,230.16
Elections	\$ 1,750.28
District Court	\$ 15,638.43
911 Fund	\$ 36,107.09
Court Interlock Device	\$ 367.45
Revaluation	\$ 1,975.83
Solid Waste	\$ 493,971.40
Tort	\$ 19,442.85
Weeds	\$ 129.58

Parks & Recreation	\$	189.79
Justice Fund	\$	115,667.61
Priest Lake Snowmobile	\$	375.35
Waterways	\$	376.04
Grants	\$	136,086.21
Self-Insured Medical	\$	108.75
Auditors Trust	\$	916.39
Total	\$	1,621,946.90
Demand Claims Batch #7		
Demands	\$	508,782.91

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 Claims and Demands in Batch #7 totaling \$2,130,729.81. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance for discussion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Abstain, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 EMS Batch #7 \$21,255.23 & Demands in Batch #7 \$10,797.82 **Totaling \$32,053.05**

EMS Claims Batch #7		
Ambulance District	\$	21,255.23
EMS Demand Claims Batch #7		
Demands	\$	10,797.82

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 EMS Claims and Demands in Batch #7 totaling \$32,053.05. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding The business meeting shall begin at 0900 for Commissioner reports and public comment with a hard stop at 1000 am.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that The regular business meeting shall commence at 0900 with public comments commencing post invocation and the pledge followed by the commissioner reports. There will be a hard stop at 1000 am. No second, the motion dies.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Public allowed to comment on each agendized item
Commissioner Williams made a motion that The public is restored to exercise their right to meaningfully participate in the business of Bonner County prior to a decision being made on each agendized item. No second, the motion dies.

- 3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Public comment to be allowed on agendized items listed under any board of commissioner as it is impossible for the public to understand the topic prior to the meeting to send in questions in advance of the meeting

Commissioner Williams made a motion that The public is restored to exercise their right to meaningfully participate in the business of Bonner County prior to a decision being made on each agendized item placed by commissioners. No second, the motion dies.

- 4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Applicable staff to update the organizational chart reflecting which departments and committees liaison with which commissioner

Commissioner Williams made a motion that Applicable staff to update the organizational chart to reflect which departments and committees or groups a commissioner liaisons with. No second, motion dies.

- 5) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding County commissioners to provide updates during their commissioner reports regarding each department or committee that they are the liaison for

Commissioner Williams made a motion that Each commissioner will include an update regarding their liaison activities as stated during their commissioner reports and allow for public comment. No second, the motion dies.

- 6) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Bonner County Commissioner to send out an RFP for a Forensic fair audit with a start date prior to 2023 recommended by an external auditor that has not had a prior relationship with Bonner County Fair for the purposes of auditing.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that that the board send out an RFP for a forensics audit of the fair board with the experts in the field selecting the starting date/year. Post selection of the starting date and the year, the board shall report to the public the start date and year determined by the experts in the field in the regular business meeting. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion to advance for discussion. Discussion among the board. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made an amendment to postpone this item indefinitely. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the amendment to the motion. Roll call vote (on the amended motion): Commissioner Williams – Did not vote, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Omodt called a recess at 9:26 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt called a 5-minute recess at 11:00 a.m. to go into scheduled Executive Session
Reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

11:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOCC

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel & 74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Investigation Report

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 11:33 a.m.
No decision was made during this Executive Session.

Commissioner Omodt called for a 5-minute recess at 11:34 a.m. to allow Technology to get set up to continue the meeting.
Reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

- 7) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Zoom and You Tube remain on during recesses and breaks with no muting

Commissioner Williams made a motion that technology maintain the meeting for Zoom and YouTube during a recess and breaks without any muting so that the people online can participate in discussion as well as to ensure that counsel is available for everything that's happening at that meeting. No second, the motion dies.

- 8) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding All records released by legal to members of the public are to be archived on the counties website

Commissioner Williams made a motion with the recommendation of legal as stated to archive documents that have been released by legal and approved to be archived on the county website moving forward. No second, the motion dies.

BOCC – Commissioner Luke Omodt

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to remove Commissioner Reports from the regular business meeting effective immediately. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and called the question. Commissioner Bradshaw

seconded the call to question. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No for the reasons stated, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Eide Bailey Invoice

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to remit the Eide Bailley invoice to the Bonner County Fairgrounds and Rodeo for payment. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Civil Litigation Bill Review and FY23 Report

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion that claims and bills from account 03471 lines 7100-7200 be submitted to the BOCC for bill review prior to the disbursement of funds and to direct the Risk Manager to compile a comprehensive report for all FY2023 claims and expenses from these lines to be presented to the BOCC no later than February 6, 2023. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams asked if legal reviewed this item. Discussion among the board. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Did not vote, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Omodt called a 2-hour recess at 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT *

Amy Lunsford – Inquired if the County had a purchaser for supplies etc. Mentioned the high budgets and spending by the Prosecutor's Office. Went through several large purchases made by the Prosecutor's Office. Believes it would be cost effective to have one point of contact and a single account for purchases.

Brandon Cramer – Question regarding County Amazon accounts, who has access and are they audited? The ability to ask questions on specific agenda items, what is the process?

Kristine (Noella) L. – If the commissioners got a chance to review items prior to the meeting? It is nice to hear the reason behind decisions. Concern about the Daily Bee being used for public notices when it is not available to everyone. Can any commissioner put an item on the agenda? Public comment at the end is not always convenient.

Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Questions about the ICCO which impacts the BOCC and taxpayers. Would like to host a formal meeting for members or prior members to speak about the ICCO and their roles.

Spencer Hutchings – Curious about where Darcy's laptop is and why it did not get looked at? Attempts to silence Asia are obvious.

Brandon Cramer – *Written statement read by Commissioner Omodt* regarding public participation in the business meeting and commissioner reports being removed from the meetings.

Anne Wilder Chamberlain - *Written statement read by Commissioner Omodt* necessity of communications and the wireless industry is a menace and should not be allowed to build more towers. Asking the BOCC to update the Comp Plan to protect the County from this. Would like to present a presentation on this topic and for it to go on the agenda.

Commissioner Williams noted that a workshop for Ms. Chamberlain's request had been scheduled for next January 16, 2023.

Dian Welle –

Commissioner Omodt called a 5-minute recess at 2:26 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:31 p.m.

Jennifer Cramer – Fails to understand why when Asia puts items on the agenda they reject them, requests that there is more respect for the public on topics that are requested be put on the agenda.

Rick Cramer – Would like on next week's agenda that Commissioner Omodt explain why they can't have public comment or commissioners' reports.

Dan Rose – Commented on public comment and requested that the Board create an agenda item to have the planning committee update the Comprehensive Plan and to include Telecommunications in the utility section.
Dave Bowman –

Commissioner Omodt called a 5-minute recess at 2:39 p.m.
Reconvened at 2:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Clerk

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Hiring, Courthouse

At 2:43 p.m. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams discussed public comment. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 2:56 p.m.

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to proceed as discussed regarding the courthouse. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Abstain, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding EMS Equity
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Prosecutor, Bonus
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Judicial Assistance, Pay

At 2:57 p.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

Commissioner Omodt wanted to put on record a commendation for the HR Director, Alissa Clark, to recognize her for being an excellent example and advocate for Bonner County employees several times today.

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to recognize HR Director Alissa Clark's achievements. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Absent, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair in regard to the matters discussed and make a motion to proceed as discussed contingent upon auditor approval and to leave that with the capable Ms. Clark who will report back to the Board with her findings. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Absent, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

The following is a summary of the Board of County Commissioners
Special Meetings, (including Tax Cancellations, Assistance Meetings/Admin and other) Executive Sessions,
Emergency Meetings and Hearings held during the week of January 2, 2024 – January 8, 2024
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

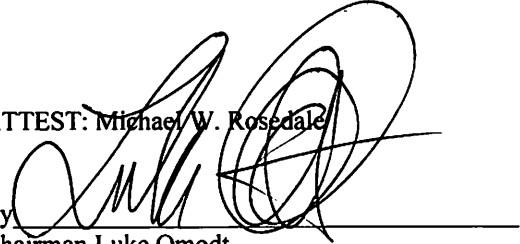
On Thursday, January 4, 2024, a Planning Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Thursday, January 4, 2024, an HR Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Monday, January 8, 2024, an Insurance Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code §
74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt.

On Monday, January 8, 2024, a Road & Bridge Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Chairman Luke Omodt

By 
Deputy Clerk

01.16.2024
Date